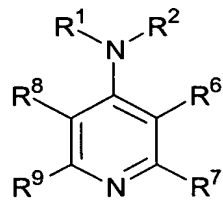


IN THE CLAIMS:

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) , please amend the claims as follows:

1.-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of injured mammalian nerve tissue, comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an effective amount of a compound ~~of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or polymorph thereof.~~ according to the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R¹ is H or a C₁-C₄ alkyl group;

R² is a $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C—R}^3$ group, a $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{P(R}^5\text{)—R}^4$ group or an OR group; wherein R³ is H, a C₁-C₂₀ alkyl group, an OR group, an alkylene ester group

$\text{—(CH}_2\text{)}_n\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C—OR}^{10}$, an amine group $\text{—NR}^{11}\text{R}^{12}$; or R³ and R⁶ are taken together to form a $\text{—(CH}_2\text{)}_m\text{—}$ group where m is 1-3, R is a C₁-C₂₀ alkyl group, an aryl group or an alkylene aryl group, R¹⁰ is a C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group, n is 1 to 20, R¹¹ is selected from the group consisting of H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, aryl, alkylene aryl and an alkylene ester group, and R¹² is selected from the group consisting of H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, aryl, alkylene aryl and an alkylene ester group; or R¹² and R⁶ are taken together to form a $\text{—(CH}_2\text{)}_z\text{—}$ group where z is 0 to 2, and wherein at least one of R¹¹ or R¹² is H; R⁶ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, NO₂ or a NR¹³R¹⁴ group where R¹³ and R¹⁴ are H or a C₁-C₃ alkyl group; or R¹⁴ is taken together with R³ to form a $\text{—(CH}_2\text{)}_p\text{—}$ group where p is 0 to 3 ; R⁴ and R⁵ are aryl or aryloxy; and each of R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ is independently selected from H, C₁-C₄ alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I and NO₂.

4. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 3, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

N-(4-Pyridyl) *t*-Butyl Carbamate;
N-(4-Pyridyl) Ethyl Carbamate;
N-(4-Pyridyl) Methyl Carbamate;

N-(4-Pyridyl) Isopropyl Carbamate;
N-(4-Pyridyl) Dodecyl Carbamate;
N-(4-Pyridyl) Benzyl Carbamate;
N-(4-Pyridyl) Benzamide;
N-(4-Pyridyl) Acetamide;
N-(4-Pyridyl) Propionamide;
N-(4-Pyridyl) Trimethylacetamide;
N-(4-Pyridyl) Ethyl Succinamate;
N, N'-(4-Pyridyl) Urea;
N, N'-(3,4-Pyridyl) Urea;
P, P-Diphenyl *N*-(4-Pyridyl) Phosphinamide; and
4-Pyridinyl Phosphoramidic acid, Diphenyl Ester;
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, ~~solvates, and polymorphs~~ thereof.

5.-14. (previously canceled)

15.-17. (canceled)